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I. INTRODUCTION

The Crosley-Avco command receiver model 183114 was originally developed for the S-15 Gamma Ray Satellite under the supervision of Marshall Space Flight Center. Unfortunately, the round package configuration used, while suitable for the particular application, is somewhat awkward for general purpose satellite use. Although the unit is a good design with proven performance, its package design has somewhat limited its widespread use.

To help correct this problem, a contract was let to repack the receiver. The basic design is the same as previously used. Some of the components, of course, were changed to facilitate the repackaging in the smaller configuration. This report is an evaluation of this new version of the Avco command receiver (Model 184003).

II. SPECIFICATIONS

The specifications for the repackaged receiver are (with some improvements) similar to those that were laid out in the report on the original S-15 command receiver.⁽¹⁾ Briefly, they are:

Electrical

Frequency: 100 - 150 mc, fixed tuned

Input Z: 50 ohms ± 20%

6 db bandwidth: 36 kc, ± 10%

60 db Bandwidth: 100 kc; + 10%, -50%

Image rejection: ≥ 80 db

Spurious frequency rejection: ≥60 db

Local oscillator stability: ±2 kc over the temperature range

Audio output capability: 50 mw into 500 ohm load

Supply voltage: +12 volts ± 10%

Standby current: less than 10 ma

Operate current: less than 20 ma

Minimum sensitivity for operation of Avco decoder: -101 dbm,
75% modulation

Minimum RF overload level for decoder dropout: -7 dbm, 75%
modulation

(1) H.K. Lowery, Command Receiver for Gamma Ray Satellite (S-15),
Technical Publication MTP-G&C-60-12, Marshall Space Flight
Center, December 1960.

Mechanical

Size: 3 - 1/2" x 5"

Weight: approximately 15 ozs.

Vibration: Figure 1

Acceleration: 100G, thrust and two transverse axes
for 5 minutes each.

Vacuum: $\leq 10^{-5}$ mm of Hg for 24 hours at 35°C

Temperature range: -20°C to +70°C

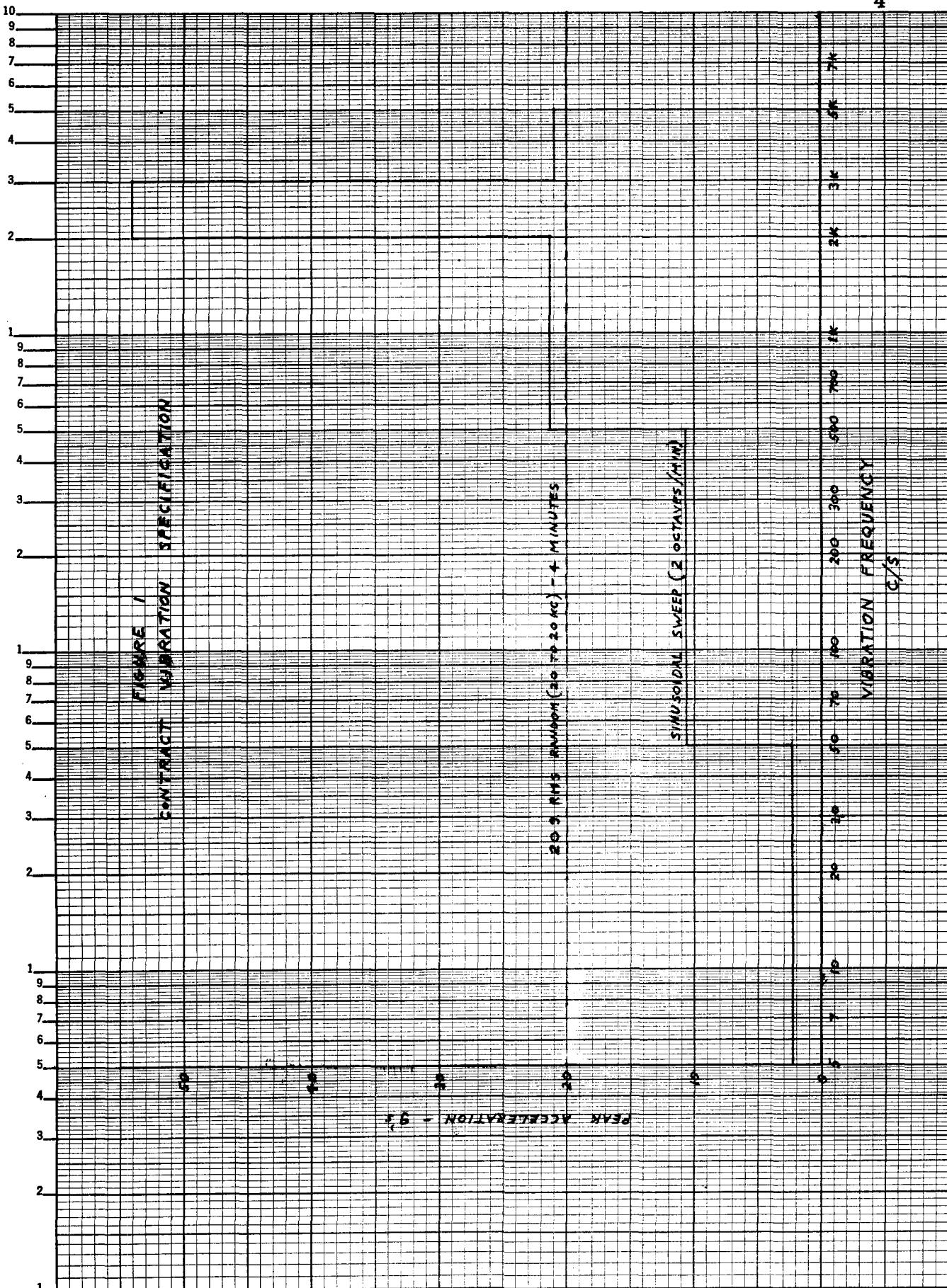
FIGURE 1
CONTRACT VIBRATION SPECIFICATION

PEAK ACCELERATION = g^2

20-3 RMS RANDOM (20-70 Hz) - 4 MINUTES

SIMULATED SWEEP (2 OCTAVES/SEC)

VIBRATION FREQUENCY
C/S



III. TESTING PROCEDURE

Sensitivity and AGC

For measuring the receiver sensitivity, the set-up shown in figure 2 was used. The receiver audio output was loaded with 500 ohms, and the RMS output voltage was plotted versus RF input voltage, with the Hewlett-Packard 608D signal generator being modulated with a 3 kc tone. The sensitivity was defined as that RF input voltage that produced a 3.1 volt RMS audio output with 80% modulation of the signal generator. The signal plus noise-to-noise ratio was also determined at each point by measuring the output noise level with the modulation removed and comparing it with the output measured under modulated conditions.

Bandwidth

The same setup (figure 2) was used for this test as was used for the sensitivity measurements except that the signal generator was unmodulated and the AGC check point voltage was measured with a digital voltmeter. The unmodulated RF input to the receiver was set to a level just high enough to make the AGC function. The voltage at the AGC checkpoint was recorded with the frequency of the signal generator set to the middle of the pass-band. Then the frequency of the signal generator was varied in incremental steps and the input voltage adjusted to bring the AGC voltage back to its recorded value. The change in required RF input level is then the relative change in sensitivity for that frequency. A similar technique was used to check for spurious and image responses.

Audio frequency response

The frequency response of the detector and the audio frequency amplifier stages were also measured with the setup in figure 2. In this test, the R-f input voltage was set to an arbitrary value well above the noise level. The frequency of the audio oscillator supplying the modulation was then varied in steps and the receiver detected audio output was plotted for these frequencies.

Temperature

Tests that were performed at other than room temperature were made with the receiver inside a Delta model 060A temperature chamber using liquid CO₂ for cooling. Sufficient time was allowed at each temperature setting for the receiver to stabilize at that setting.

Vibration

Vibration tests were made under power by Goddard's Test and Evaluation Division using the specification shown in figure 3. This test was a typical one for the Thor-Delta vehicle and was slightly more severe at certain frequencies than the requirements originally laid down.

FIGURE 2 - RECEIVER TEST SET-UP

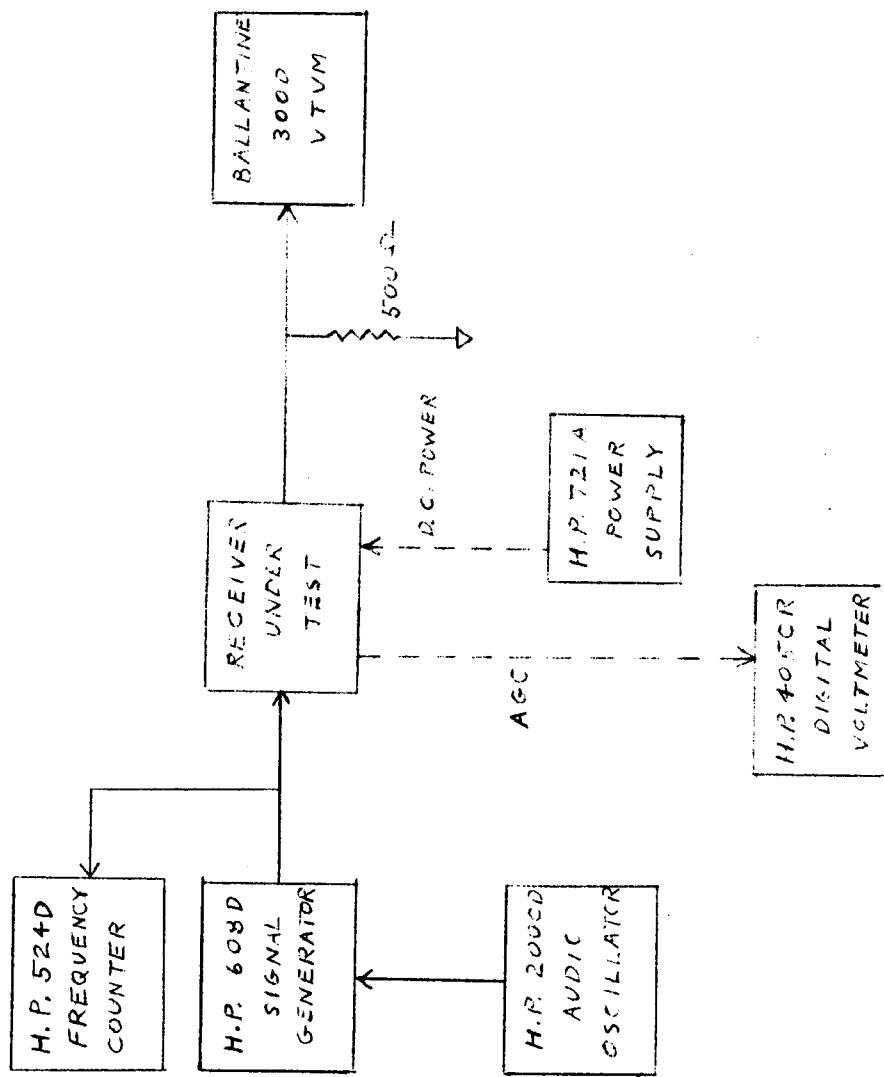
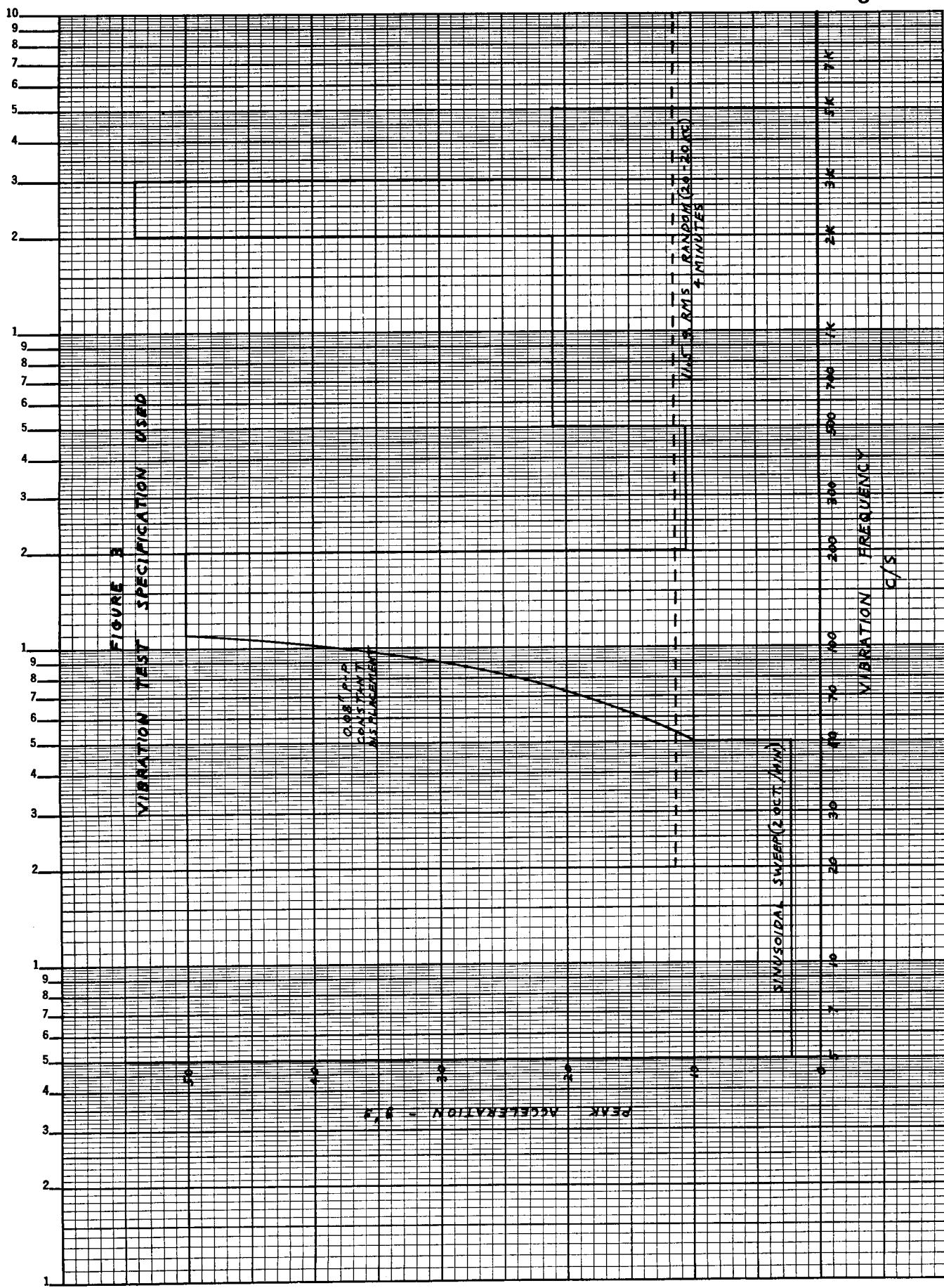


FIGURE 3 VIBRATION TEST SPECIFICATION USP20



IV PERFORMANCE

Sensitivity and AGC

Measured curves of the detected output from the receiver plotted against the r-f input levels are shown in figure 4 for 80% and 20% modulation. The sensitivity is arbitrarily defined as that RF input required to produce 12.5 mw (3.1 volts RMS) of audio output with 80% modulation. A decoder can be set to trip reliably at this level and it will then not trip under any conditions with 20% modulation. This condition reduces the possibility of accidental commands. Figure 5 shows how the AGC curve is effected by a $\pm 10\%$ change in supply voltage. Figure 6 illustrates the way in which the signal-plus-noise-to-noise ratio depends on the RF input voltage. No significant spurious responses were found.

I.F. Bandwidth

The IF bandwidth of the receiver is determined by the crystal filter. All other RF and IF tuned circuits are broad enough that they have negligible effect on the overall bandwidth. Use of a crystal filter insures a stable bandpass that is essentially unaffected by AGC, temperature, and supply voltage variations. Steep skirts on the bandpass plot are another benefit from the crystal filter, yielding a $\frac{6 \text{ db}}{6 \text{ db}}$ form factor that is approximately 3:1. A plot of the receiver bandpass is shown in figure 7.

Audio Bandwidth

The frequency response of the audio frequency circuits is plotted in figure 8. The lower and upper -3 db points on the curve are at 800 cps and 10 kc respectively. Since the maximum

usable modulation frequency is approximately 10 kc, and the I.F. bandwidth is 36 kc, the IF passband has an extra 8 kc of bandwidth on each side of center frequency to allow for drift of the receiver local oscillator and command transmitter, and for doppler shift.

Temperature effects

The effect of temperature on the sensitivity of the receiver is shown in figure 9. The sensitivity varies about 4 db over the range -20°C to +70°C. The DC power drain is also somewhat a function of temperature and is plotted in figure 10 for conditions of no signal, and for 500 μ v input with 80% modulation. With a 100% modulated signal input, the power requirement increases slightly over that shown in figure 10, reaching a maximum of 19 ma at +70°C.

The effect of temperature on the center frequency of the receiver is not easily measured since the frequency drift is small compared to the bandwidth and the local oscillator cannot be conveniently measured directly. The drift does appear to be within the range specified.

Mechanical Construction

The construction of the receiver package is illustrated in figures 11 through 17. The unit is composed of individual modules, most of which use a "cordwood" type of packaging. The printed circuit boards for these modules are good quality fiberglass, and each module is potted separately in "eccofoam" (made by Emerson and Cummings) before they are soldered into the circuit.

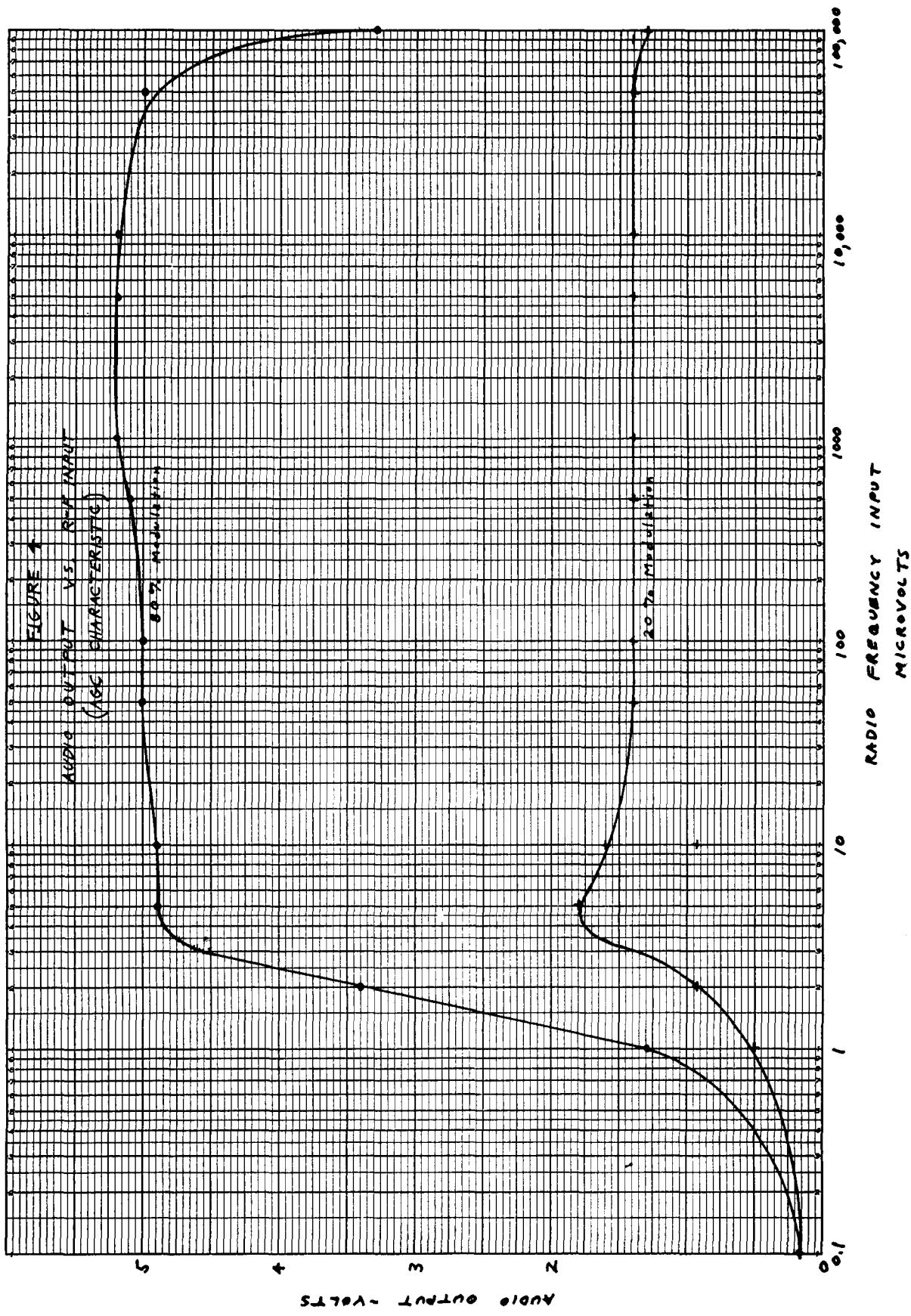
The exceptions to this construction technique are the McCoy crystal filter, the RF filter assembly, and the power connector module.

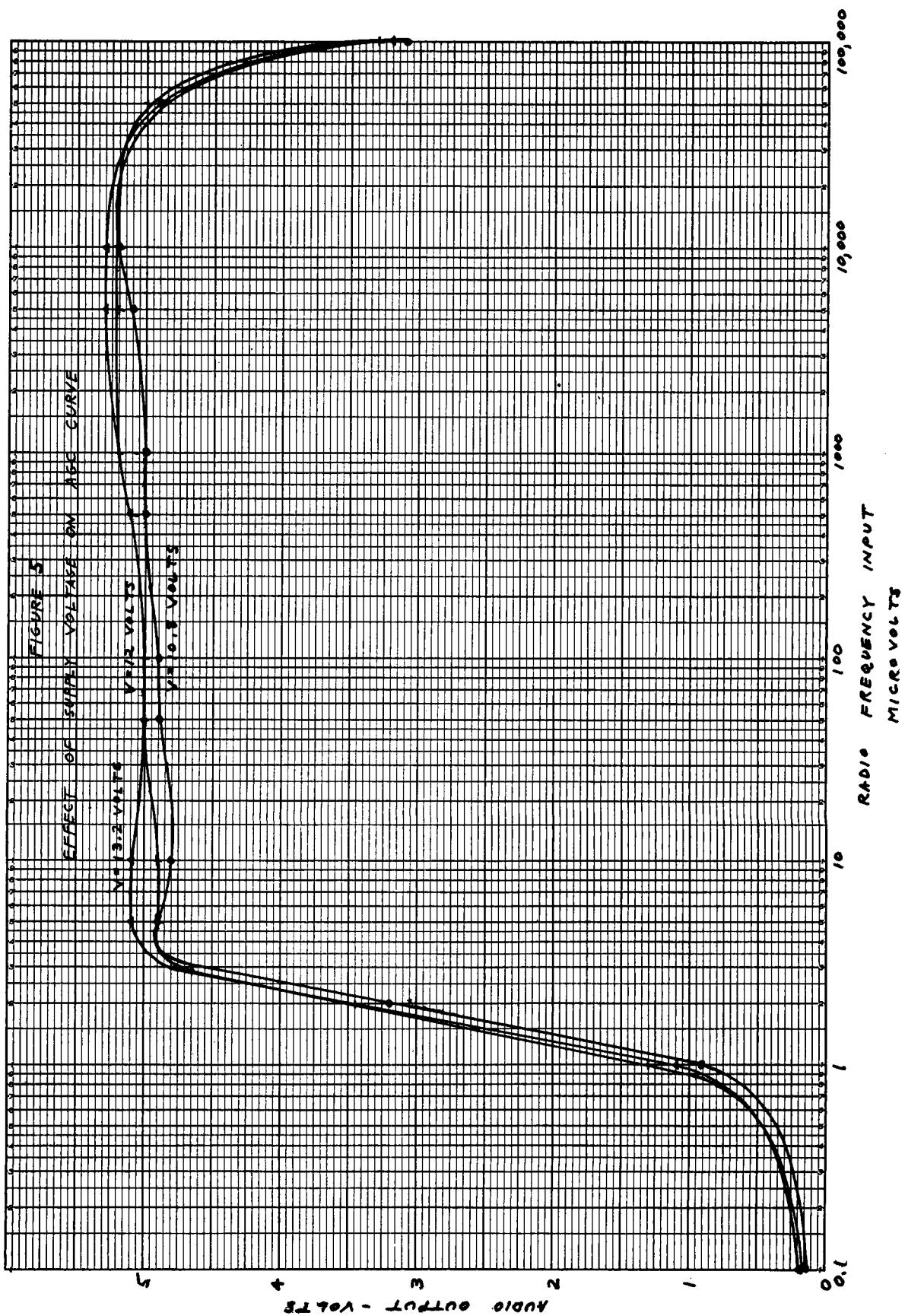
Shielding for the modules is provided by soldering foil shields directly to the printed circuit interconnection card. The units are then completely shielded between the foil shields and the ground plane on the interconnection card. The shields have a thin insulating layer of transparent material on the inside and an insulating strip is put on the top and bottom of the modules to prevent shorts to the components or boards.

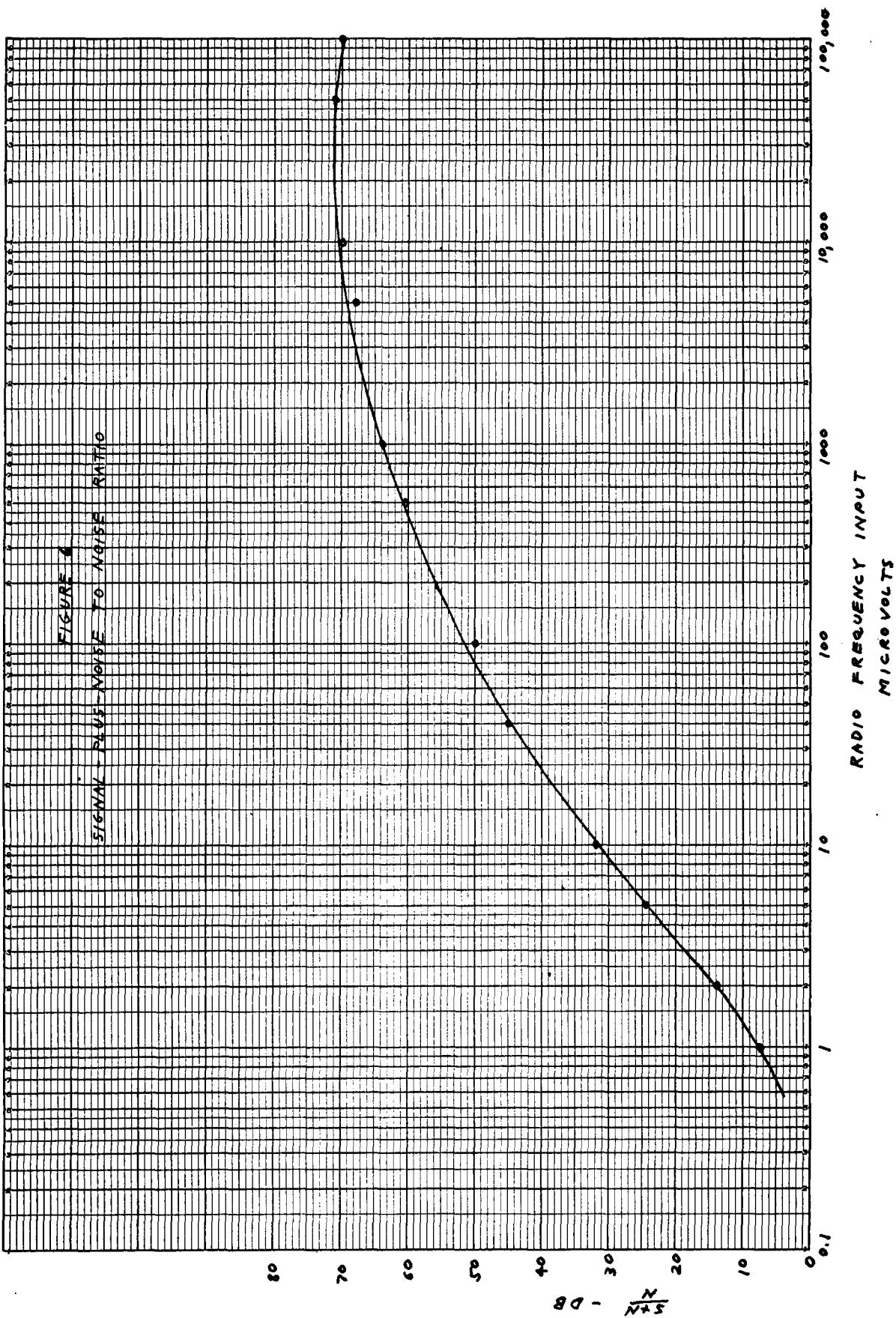
The modules are both screwed and glued to the bottom cover of the package. This cover (and the top cover) are laminated metal sheets that are supposed to have a low mechanical "Q" and therefore suppress vibration resonance. The body of the case is cast aluminum. Spacers of a flexible material are glued to the top of the module shielding and are compressed by the top cover to prevent the unit from moving within the case.

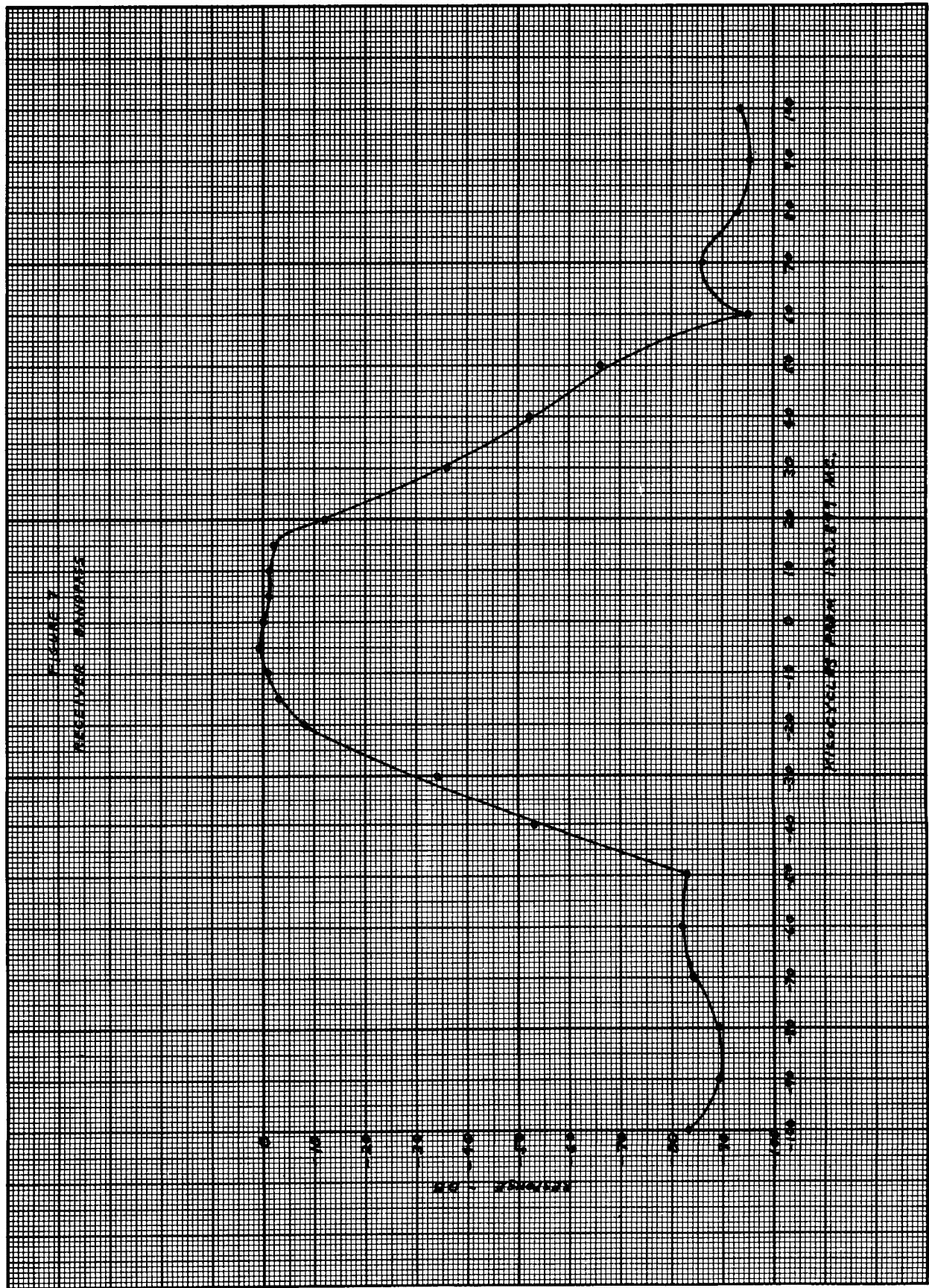
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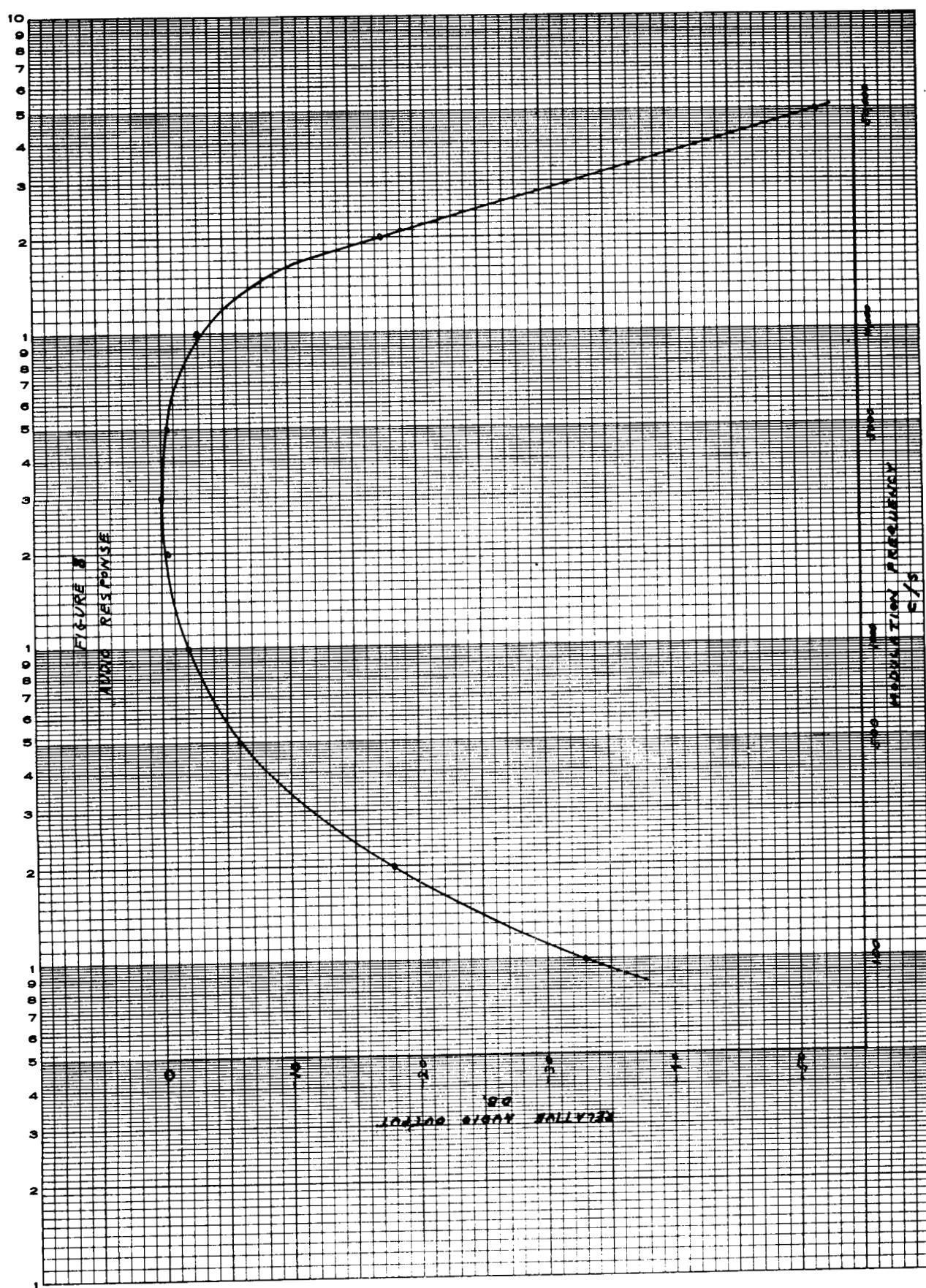
Good quality components seem to have been used throughout, as can be seen from the parts list (figure 19). The inductors and broad band IF transformers are wound on toroidal cores. The RF coils have air cores and are made of heavy wire. JFD piston trimmer capacitors are used for tuning adjustments.

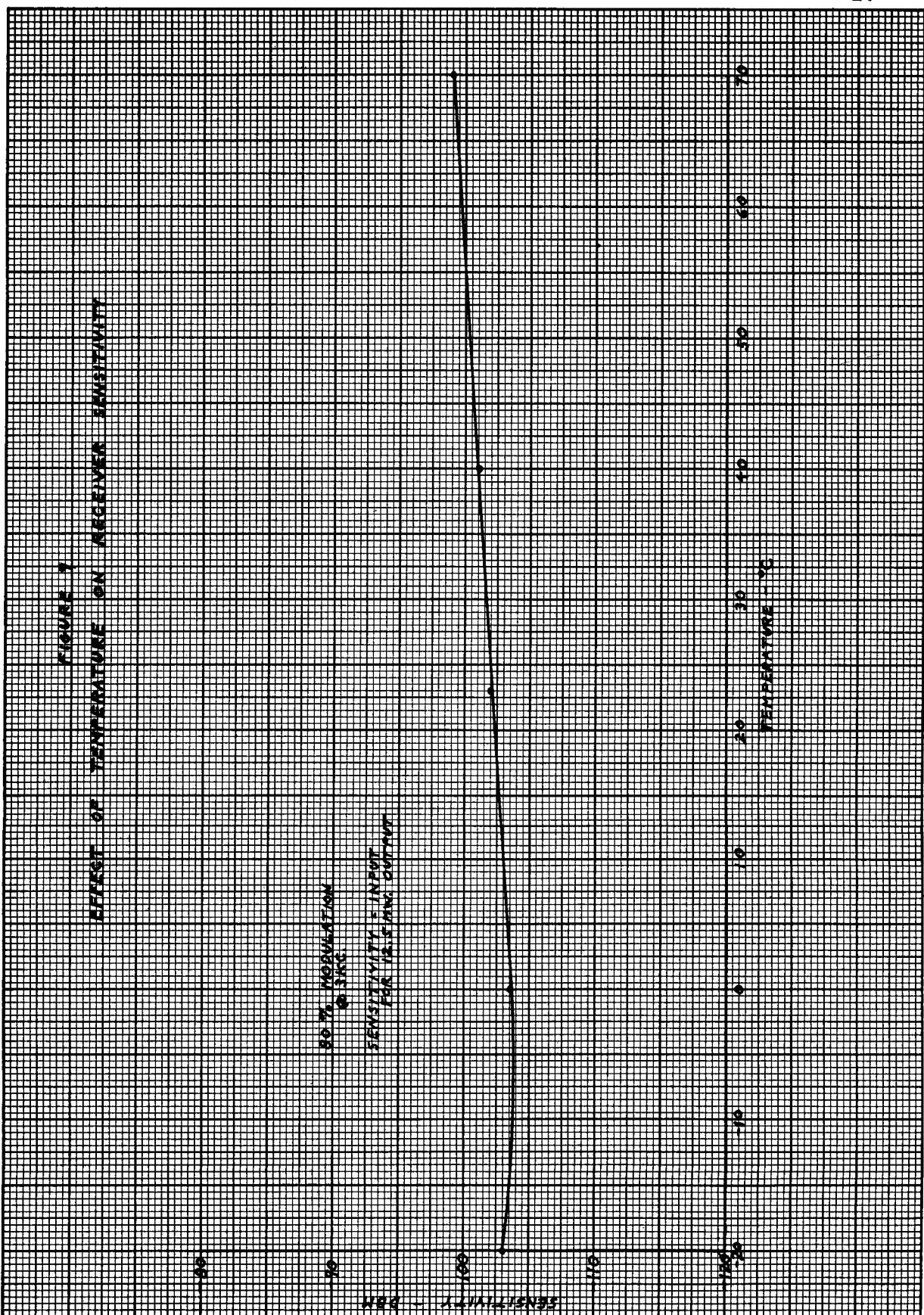




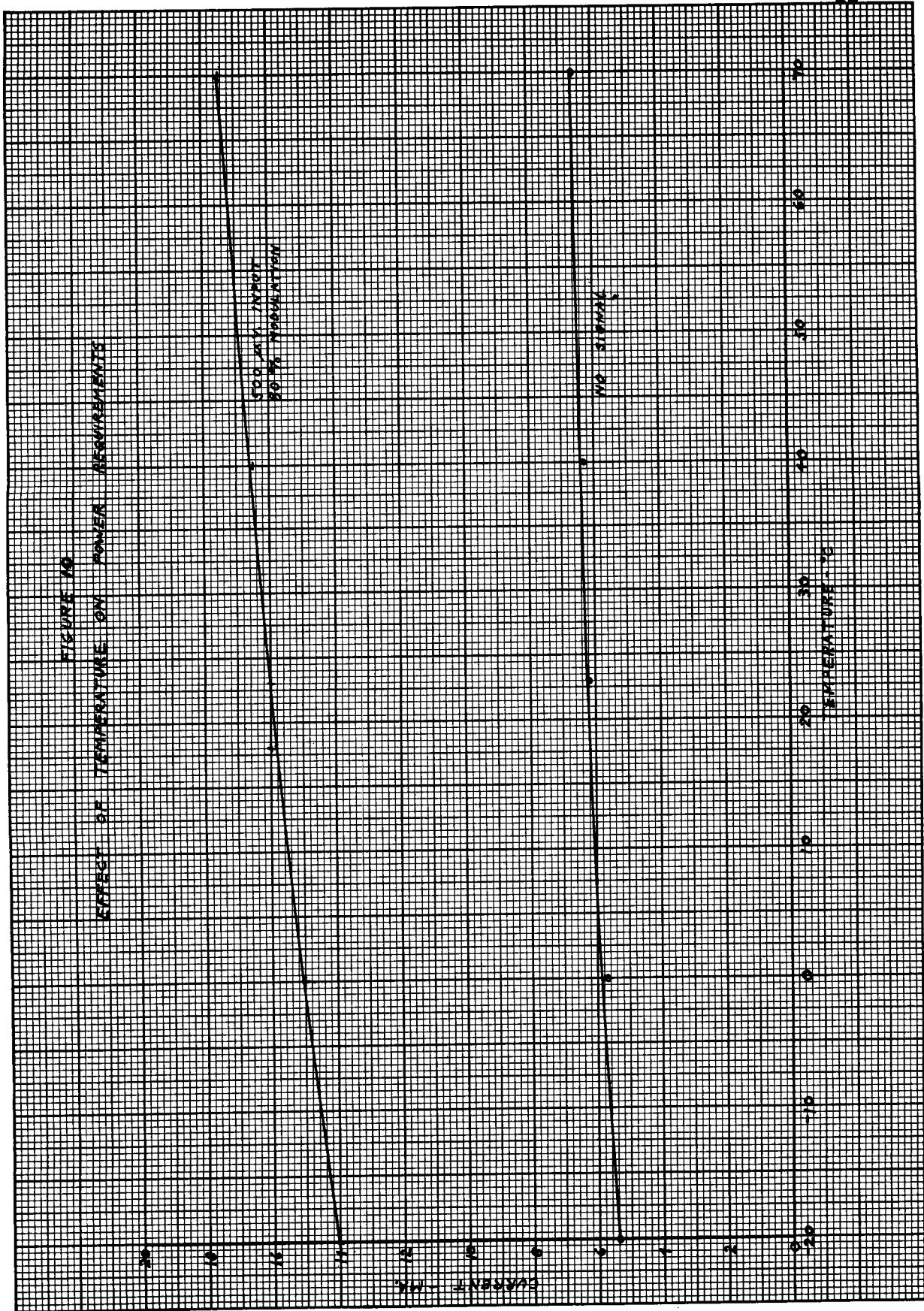








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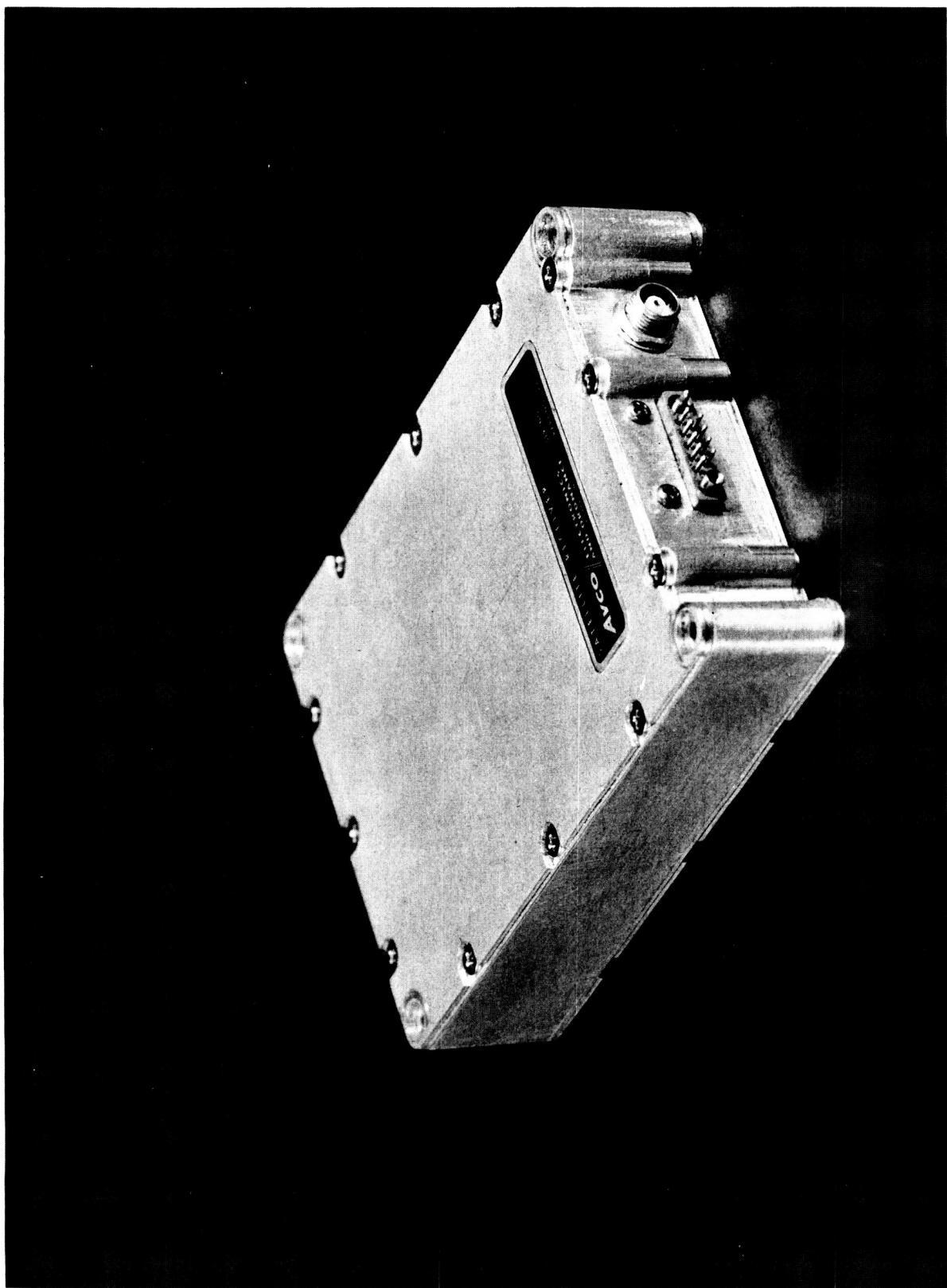


FIGURE 11 - COMPLETE RECEIVER

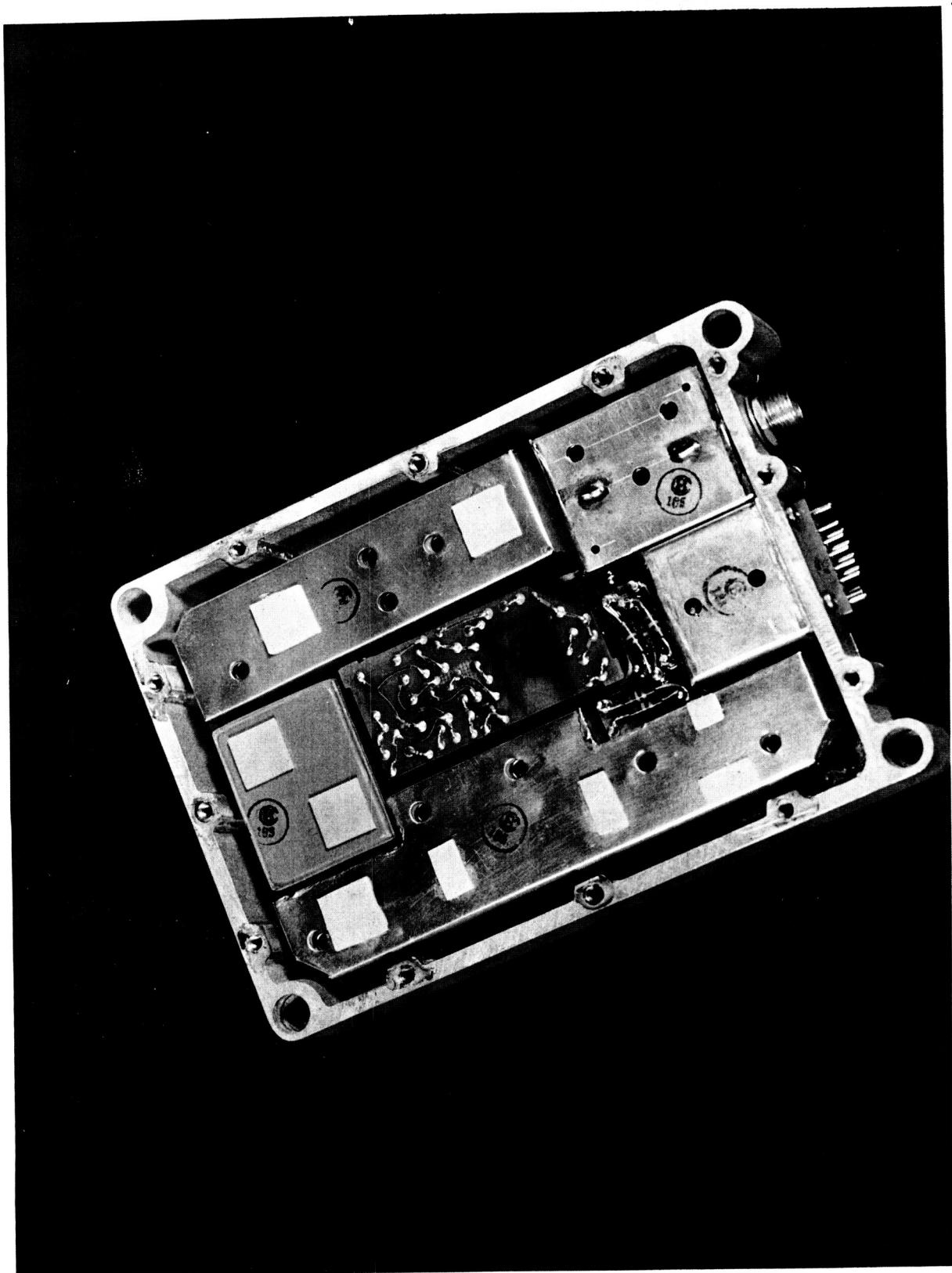


FIGURE 12 - RECEIVER WITH TOP COVER REMOVED

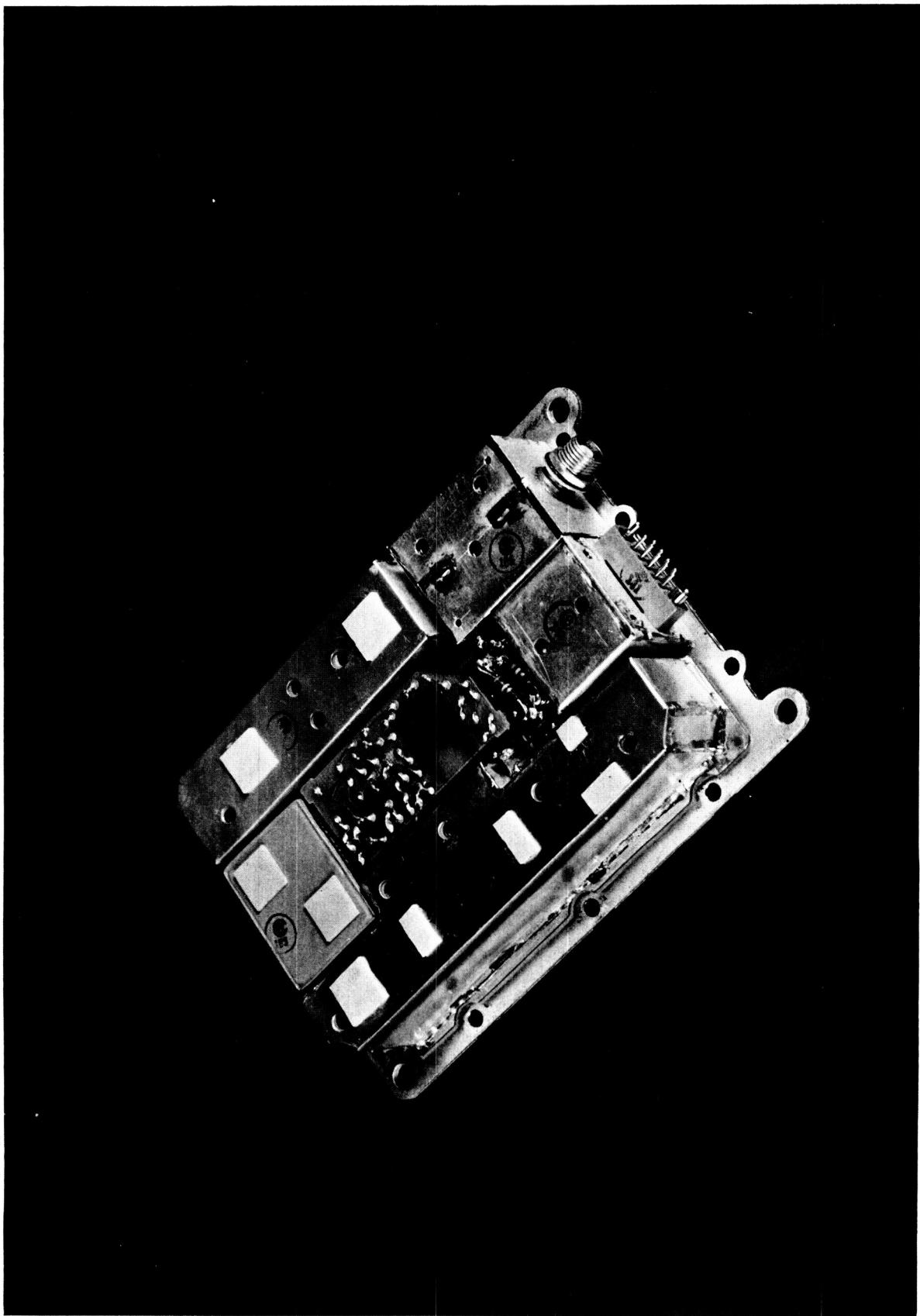
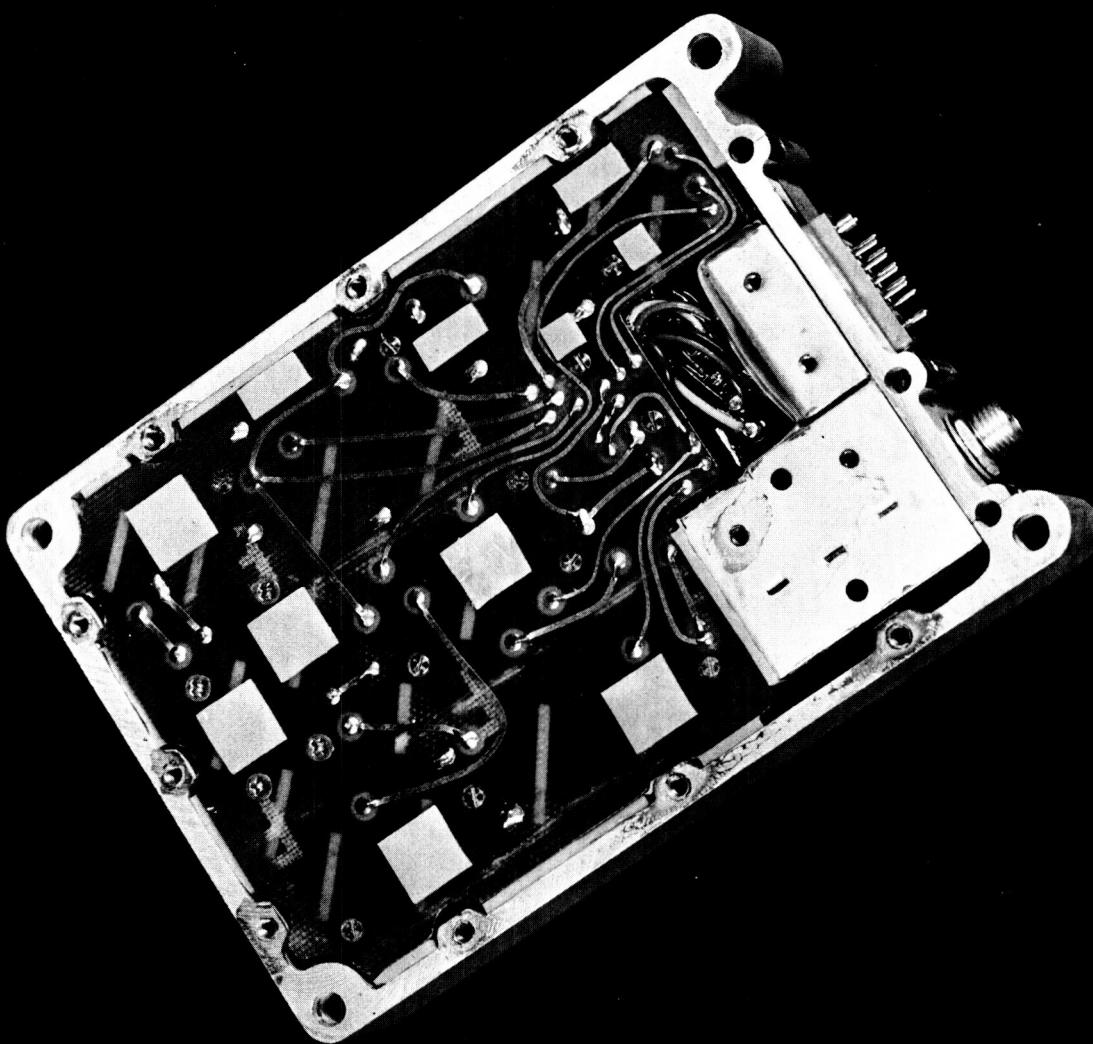


FIGURE 13 - RECEIVER WITH CASE REMOVED

FIGURE 14 - BOTTOM VIEW OF RECEIVER INTERIOR



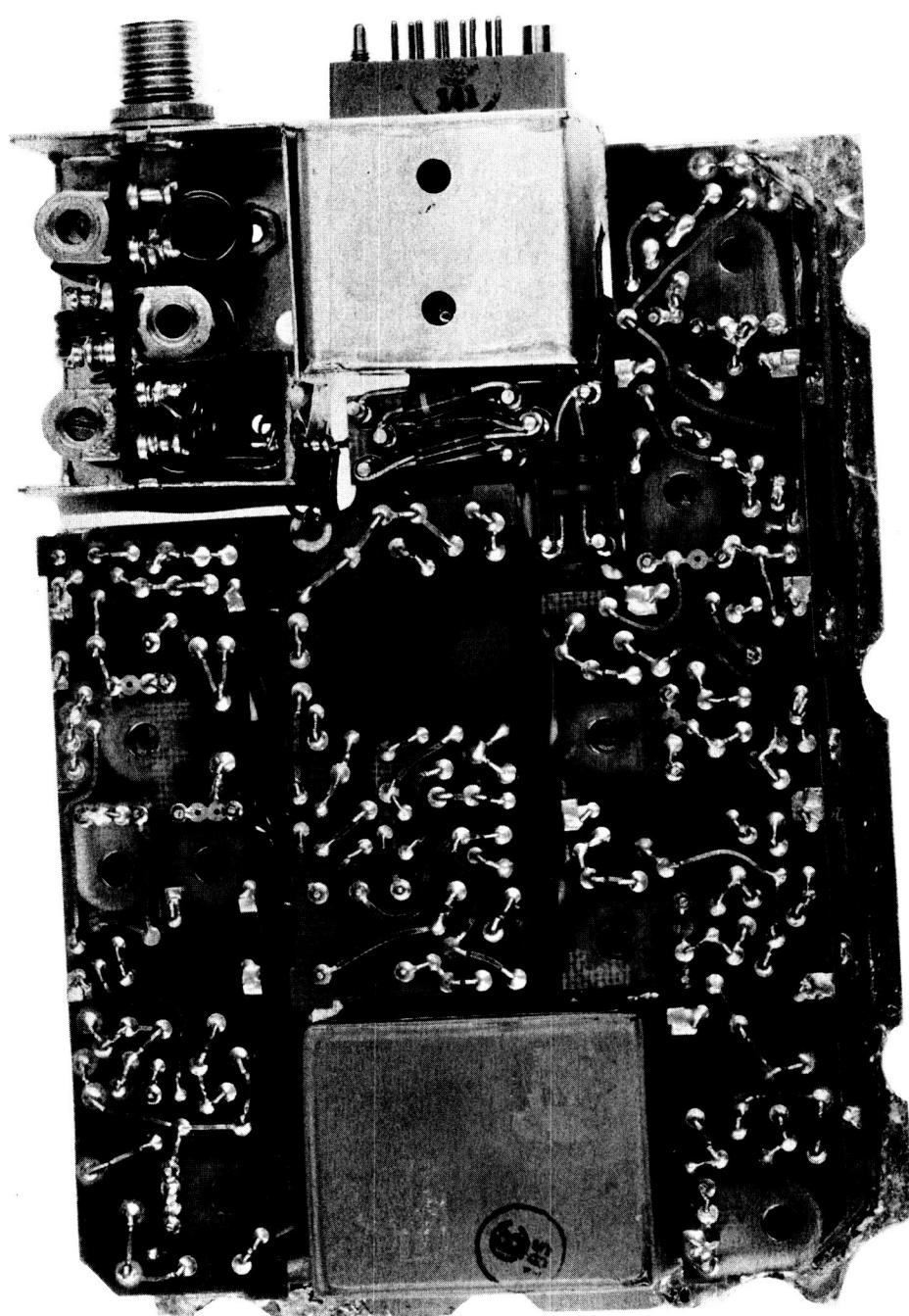
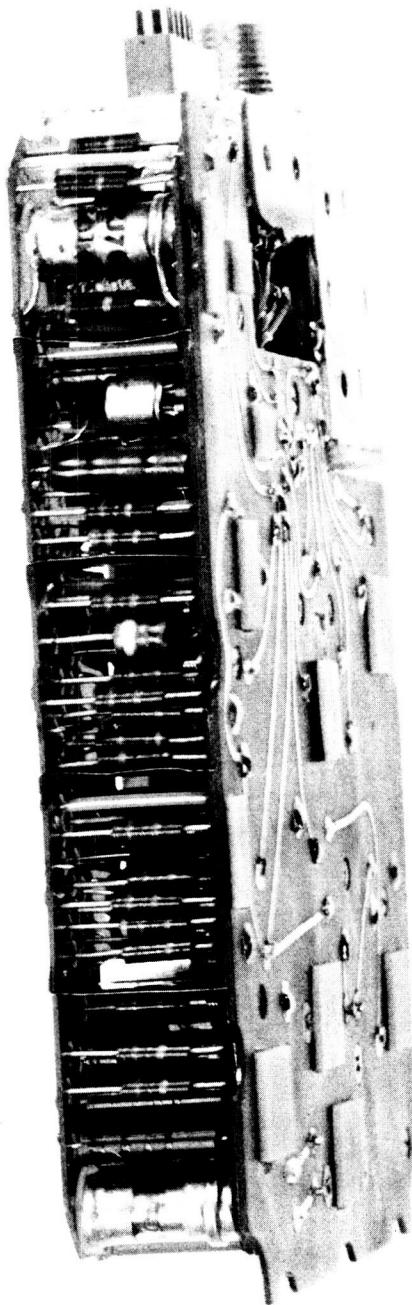


FIGURE 15 - MODULES WITH SHIELDS REMOVED

FIGURE 16 - SIDE VIEW OF A MODULE



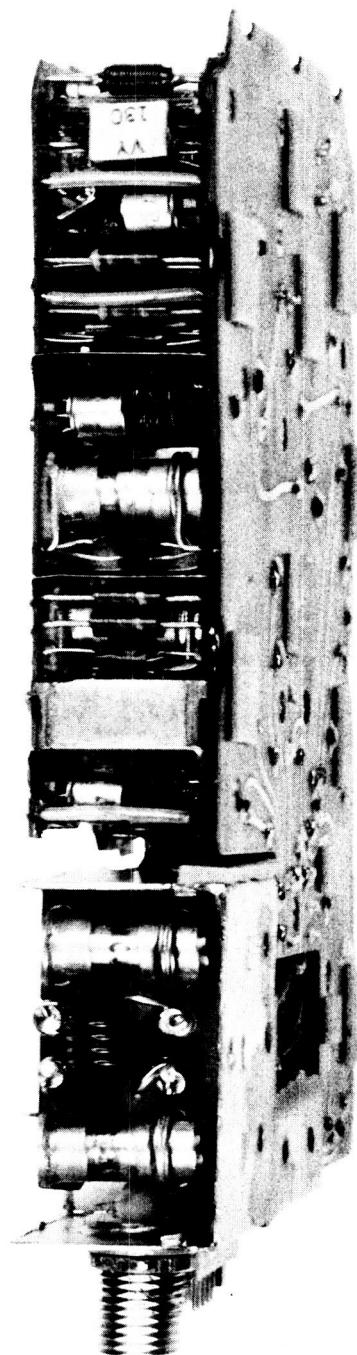
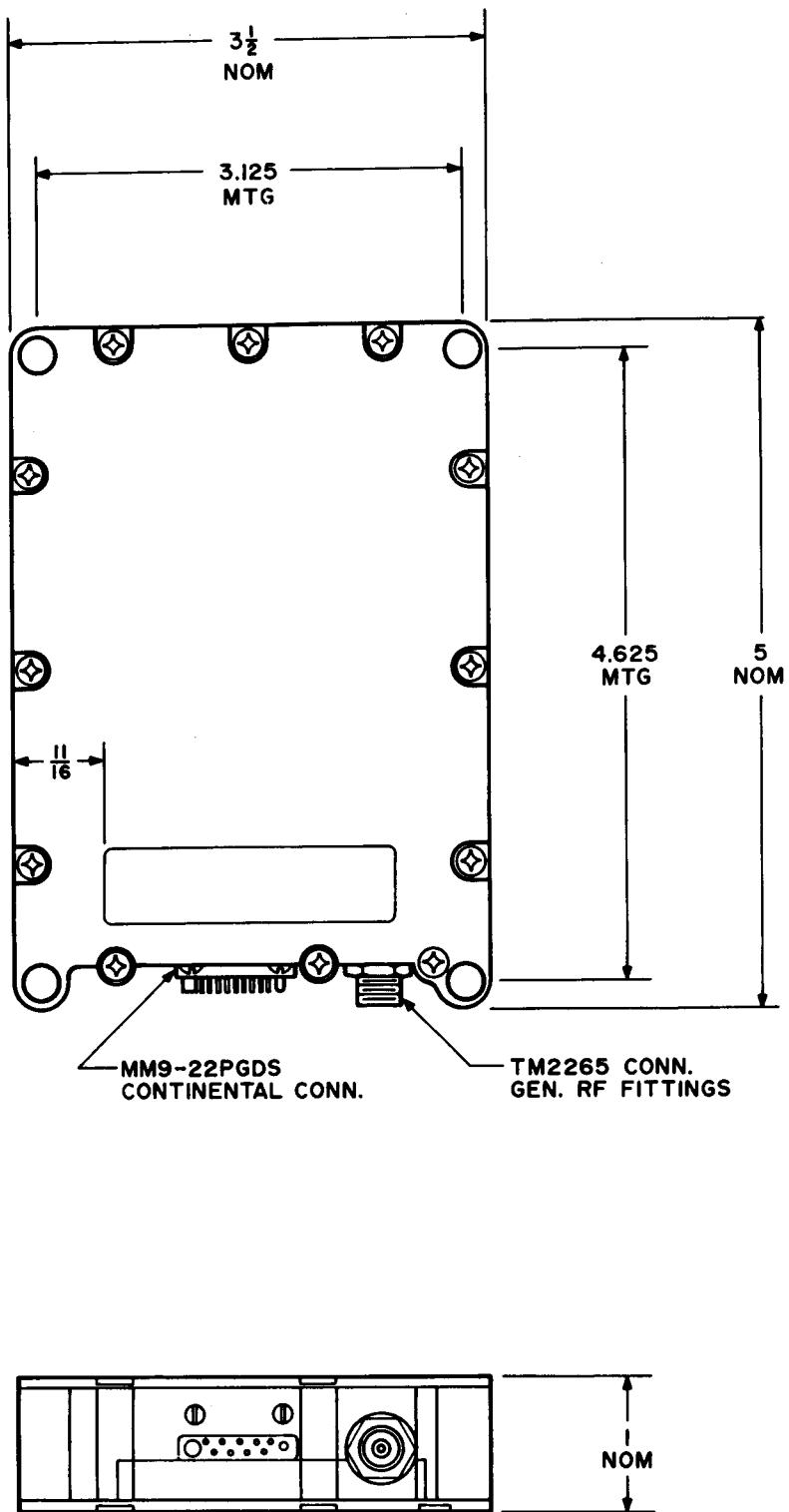


FIGURE 17 - SIDE VIEW OF A MODULE

Figure 18
Drawing of Package



ASSEMBLY PARTS LIST

Figure 19A

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2			BOARD CIRCUIT ASSY			1 *																							
3			CONVERTER MODULE ASSY			1 *																							
4			1. F. MODULE ASSY			1 *																							
5			AUDIO AMP MODULE ASSY			1 *																							
6			PRESELECTOR ASSY			1 *																							
7			CONNECTOR ASSY			1 *																							
8			TERMINAL BOARD ASSY	B	185061	1																							
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16			PLATE-TOP	D	184823	1																							
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18			PLATE-END	C	184838	1																							
19			SCREW M1G	B	184839	4																							
20			BRACKET-CONNECTOR	C	184817	1																							
21			COVER-BRACKET	B	184818	1																							
22			NAMEPLATE	C	185137-5	1																							
23			SCHEMATIC	R	185108																								
24			CONNECTOR RECEPICAL	B	MMR-222GOS	1																							
25			BOARD CIRCUIT MASTER	-	185051	1																							
26			BOARD CIRCUIT AUDIO	-	184052	1																							
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55			INSULATOR PAD	B	185114-3	4																				
56			HOUSING PRESELECTOR	C	184827	1																				
57			COVER PRESELECTOR	C	184828	1																				
58			TERMINAL-HERMET SEAL	C	AAA-30W-SS	3																				
59			TERMINAL BOARD	B	184976	1																				
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80			SCREW 2 - 56 x 3/16 FLAT HD		MS32200-3	4																				
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203			WIRE #26 TEFLO BRN IN INS	B	1042281-10													
204			WIRE #26 TEFLO RED IN INS	B	1042281-14													
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206			WIRE #26 TEFLO GRN IN INS	B	1042281-3													
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208			WIRE #26 TEFLO WHITE IN INS	B	1042281-4													
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211			WIRE #26 TEFLO L1 YELLOW IN INS	B	1042281-5													
212			WIRE #26 TEFLO VIOLET IN INS	B	1042281-3													
213			WIRE #26 TEFLO PURPLE IN INS	B	1042281-3													
214			STRIPPER (FORMVAR)	A	10422817													
215			TUBING TEFLO THIN WALL	VG #26	725039													
216			GLYPHIAL	A														
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226			CAPACITOR FIXED TUNING 18 PF	GIC-150-H-18-J	1													
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232			CAPACITOR FIXED TUNING 75 PF	GIC-150-T-75-J	1													
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FIGURE 20
SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM

